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A firefighter runs in front of Thinkway Toys in Markham, Ont., a suburb north of Toronto, as the remains of an aircraft burn on the roof yesterday. The four-seater, single-engine Cirrus SR20 was trailing a thin plume of white smoke and banked over a parking lot before it crashed through the building's roof, killing the pilot and lone passenger. The blaze was quickly doused by emergency crews.

Cop admits to luring

But constable argues he was entrapped by officers

A Calgary police officer has pleaded guilty to trying to lure a teen over the Internet.

But he claims he was entrapped by his fellow officers and is arguing the charges should be stayed.

Const. Randann Sargent admitted to asking an undercover police officer who was posing as a 17-year-old girl to send him a nude photo on the computer.

Yesterday, an undercover officer testified he posed as a 17-year-old girl online and started sexual discussions with Sargent.

When Sargent, 27, learned she was underage, he told her to get back in touch when she turned 18.

In conversations that happened later, the court heard, Sargent asked for a pornographic photo of the girl. That photo would fall under the definition of child pornography.

Sargent had been with the police service for 2½ years when the charge was laid last June. He was suspended from duty and the police chief ruled his pay would also be suspended while the case worked its way through court.

The investigation started in July 2008 when Strathmore RCMP were concerned with contact he was having with a 15-year-old girl who was telling him she was 18. No charges were laid in that case.

Police were also concerned about 600 messages he had sent to women asking them if they wanted to contact him about sex.

Some of those were teenaged girls, but he told them he only wanted to hear from women 18 or older.

Sargent's lawyer, Willie de Witt, says a guilty plea was necessary to proceed with the entrapment argument.

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U2 fan dismayed but understanding after show deferral

CONCERT "Indescribable disappointment" sums up one Calgarian's feelings after hearing an Edmonton date for a U2 concert will be postponed due to the lead singer's back surgery.

Dan Ball had plans to head up the QE2 for a chance to see the Irish rock icons, but he will have to put those plans on hold.

"It's really disappointing, but I'm trying to be a good U2 fan and think about what's best for Bono," said Ball, who had planned the summer excursion with eight of his friends.

"It does suck that we're going to have to reschedule, but ultimately you gotta see the show."

Those who had made plans to travel up to Edmonton for the June 23 show will have to wait until 2011 to see the band perform, according to Live Nation, the concert's Canadian promoter.

Bono had to have an emergency spinal surgery Friday in Munich, Germany, and his surgeon said he needs time to recuperate.

Despite the setback, Ball's going to roll with the punches.

"I'm clinging to the hope that I will get to see them, so that's at least helping me get through it," he said.

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'Fearless freaks' coming to town

The Flaming Lips will light up Calgary with a concert at MacEwan Hall on Sept. 23. The band, featuring singer Wayne Coyne, left, are touring to promote their Embryonic album, and the show will include special guests Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti. Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. from livenation.com for $45. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

CORRECTION In the May 21 column "Transit access to Calgary's airport grounded" by Janice Paskey, readers may have inferred that there would be no transit service to the Calgary International Airport after Barlow Trail NE is closed for runway construction. According to Calgary Transit, although no formal plan is in place at this time, talks are ongoing to ensure riders have uninterrupted service to the airport terminal. Metro regrets any confusion this may have caused.

PARK Construction begins today on a $300,000 playground in Springbank Hill and after two years of planning it will be finished on Saturday. "From fundraising through casinos and bottle drives, to finding corporate donations, and now with over 150 volunteers to construct the playground over the next week, this playground will truly be the result of community-based support," said Brent Mielke, president of the Springbank Hill Community Association. METRO CALGARY

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1,200 fewer tickets over weekend

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

Alberta RCMP and sheriffs issued around 1,200 fewer violations this Victoria Day long weekend than they did last year.

In total, 2,839 tickets were handed out this year for things like speeding, seatbelt infractions and hazardous driving, compared to 4,074 in 2009.

Sgt. Tim Taniguchi said that poor weather and provincial park liquor bans could be the reason behind the decrease.

Although the overall number of violations went down, the number of impaired drivers charged this long weekend skyrocketed from last year.

Officers charged 154 impaired drivers over the weekend as compared to 21 drivers last year.

Taniguchi said this increase in impaired charges could be a result of increased enforcements on the roads. RCMP teamed up with Alberta Sheriffs, and Fish and Wildlife to form an integrated traffic unit.

"This weekend they did work together, did a lot of check stops throughout Alberta and then partnered up with a number of other government agencies," said Taniguchi. He said the integrated traffic unit helped to remove many more impaired drivers from the road.

RCMP increased their numbers throughout the province, bumping up the number of officers from 300 to 360.

By the numbers

2010 driving infractions	2009 driving infractions
• 2,269 speeding violations	• 3,020 speeding violations
• 102 seatbelt infractions	• 113 seatbelt infractions
• 57 Gaming and Liquor Act violations	• 154 Gaming and Liquor Act violations
• 29 other hazardous violations (e.g. careless driving, stunting)	• 134 other hazardous violations
• 300 non-hazardous violations (e.g. no insurance)	• 589 non-hazardous violations

Calgary Transit putting brakes on 10 lesser-used bus routes

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

TRANSPORTATION Changes to inner-city Calgary bus routes could leave some transit users scrambling to find alternatives.

According to information received by Metro, 10 city bus routes are either being altered or removed completely by Calgary Transit starting on June 28.

Citing low ridership and reduction in redundant routes, CT will be axing Route 449 entirely, Route 411 will only provide peak hour service, while other routes will be combined or re-routed, according to the document.

For transit user Gill Crosley, the changes to her route might deter her from using the bus entirely. "It picks me up right outside my house and drops me off ... and takes me downtown," she said.

Crosley takes the 403, which is said to be combining with the 433, and she's concerned about a more crowded bus and longer commute to downtown.

"I wouldn't use (the bus), I'd just walk," she said.

These changes are likely part of a prescribed cut in Calgary Transit service hours, according to CT, though, it's uncertain how many total hours these changes will affect.

"In 2010, I believe the (overall) approved service reduction is 21,500 hours," said Calgary Transit's Theresa Keddy.

SHELBY BORYS/FOR METRO CALGARY

Route 403 is one of 10 Calgary Transit routes that could see changes by the end of June, according to information received by Metro.

Affected routes

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- 403
- 419
- 433
- 405
- 411
- 407
- 404
- 31
- 449

Six months after implementation, the routes will be monitored for the effectiveness of changes.

Two weeks before the cuts are made, Calgary Transit will be handing out onboard notices to riders on the affected routes.

Around June 18, the new bus routes will be posted at www.calgarytransit.com

International Children's Festival kicks off week of family fun

KIDS Shows, interactive activities and face painting are only a few highlights of this year's annual Calgary International Children's Festival.

More than 50,000 people are expected to attend the third-largest festival of its type in North America, which opened yesterday.

Eighty performers from 12 different companies spanning the globe will entertain children throughout the week, ending Saturday evening.

"It was a really great first day," said Carolyn Luhning, the festival's marketing and publicity manager. "It's an exciting week with lots to do. There's music, dance, theatre, puppetry and more."

The event has been named "Best Festival" for 13 consecutive years by the Calgary's Child Magazine Parents' Choice Awards.

The festival presents diverse performing arts programs while creating memorable experiences for families, said Kate Newby, the festival's artistic director.

SHELBY BORYS/FOR METRO CALGARY

Isabel Pogue, 7, attends this year's Children's Festival at Olympic Plaza.

Luhning recommends that parents take a look at the artist-determined age recommendations before attending. "(This) guarantees that everyone has a good time," she said. She also suggested dressing for unpredictable weather and packing a lunch.

According to Christy Peterson, 5, sugar is also a requirement for a successful outing at the festival. "(The) mini donuts are my favourite thing," she said.

JESSICA PICHE/FOR METRO CALGARY

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Victim in NW shooting not co-operating, say police

ATTACK Calgary police are still looking for the suspect in Monday night's northeast shooting, but aren't getting co-operation from the target of the attack, they said.

The victim is known to police, but there is no indication that the incident, which occurred in the area of Martindale Boulevard NW around 7:25 p.m. Monday, is gang-related, said Det. Carl Verge. The motive behind the shooting is still uncertain, said Verge

"We're having a hard time determining that because the passenger and the victim are refusing to speak with police."

The 26-year-old male victim was transported to hospital with a gunshot to the leg. Bullets were shot into the Jaguar the victim was driving, with one stray bullet hitting a nearby business, said Verge. No other people were injured.

The suspect has been described as a black man in his mid-20s, about five-foot-eight to five-foot-11, police said. He was wearing a dark-coloured baseball cap and baggy blue jeans.

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Cattle on parade

The Calgary Stampede will host more than 40 clubs in the 4-H on Parade, beginning at 10 a.m. this Friday with the beef female show. Cattle, sheep and horses, along with art and photo competitions will be held all weekend long. For more information visit stampedeagriculture.com/events. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

BREAK AND ENTER Airdrie police are searching for suspects after a restaurant was broken into sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning. The robbers smashed through the glass doors of Athena's Grill and made off with liquor, cash and a set of keys. The estimated loss is under $5,000. Those with information can call the RCMP detachment at 403-945-7200.

ENTERTAINMENT "Gleeks" will be pleased to hear that the co-creator of the hit TV show Glee will be speaking at the Banff Television Festival on June 16. Ian Brennan will be speaking about his writing experience on the award-winning comedy-drama during the three-day event. The festival will host a variety of TV professionals at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. METRO CALGARY

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Thanks to Aspen's Headspace program — and the support of Christine Daynes, left, Irene McClelland and Headspace youth co-ordinator Bobby Narcisse — Kristyn Konowalchuck, 16, middle right, has been given the chance to become a part of a great community of friends and mentors.

The right Headspace

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

Recreation, relaxation and reassurance are hitting the city's streets with yesterday's launch of Aspen's Headspace, a mobile youth service centre with one gnarly paint job.

Headspace, described as a "toy box on wheels," will provide youth with an opportunity to play indoor and outdoor games, watch movies and surf the net, work on homework or participate in support groups.

"This will allow youth to arrive at their personal positive headspace," said Shirley Purves, Aspen's chief executive officer.

She said the goal is to have fun while providing an opportunity to stay out of trouble during after-school hours when working parents may not be home.

Purves said it's especially important for new communities without existing infrastructure.

"It helps build their capacity to be a community right from the get-go."

Program manager Kevin Hodgson said they still can't imagine Headspace's full potential.

Kristyn Konowalchuk, 16, said she's excited to use the bus, especially its flat-screen television.

Enough water for 1.75M Calgarians

TREATMENT PLANT As Calgary's population grows, so does the demand on wastewater treatment plants.

The new $430-million Pine Creek Wastewater Treatment Centre held its grand opening yesterday, and will be able to meet the requirements necessary for the next 10 years of growth according to the city. It also makes future expansion to a population of up to 1.75 million people possible.

According to Jennifer Sharp, wastewater treatment manager for Water Services, "we're producing some of the country's highest treated wastewater to protect the water quality in the Bow River as well as public health and fisheries downstream.

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Power outage closes Drumheller museum
The Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller was closed yesterday due to a power outage. The museum is asking those planning to visit, to await further notices. METRO CALGARY

Solar community sets world record

Group first to get 80% of space heating from sun

KATIE TURNER
for Metro Calgary

Okotoks' solar community has set a world record in energy production after becoming the first to provide 80 per cent of space heating from the sun.

Drake Landing, a solar community of 52 homes, is well on its way to achieving a goal of 90 per cent space heating over five years after reaching 80 per cent in only three.

"I'm fiercely proud of what we set out to do and the fact that it's working validates the ideas that went in to the beginning of it," said town councillor Ed Sands.

When the community first opened in September 2007 homeowner Robert Pugh was the second resident to move in.

KATIE TURNER/FOR METRO CALGARY

Bill Bobyk of Sterling Homes, from left, Graeme Feltham, VP Prairie Peaks Division ATCO Gas, Ed Sands of the Town of Okotoks and Gilles Jean from Natural Resources Canada were on hand yesterday for the world record event at Drake Landing in Okotoks.

"The house itself has totally lived up to my expectations. There's no disappointments, no regrets, so it's been a great decision," he said.

Okotoks may have the first solar community of this kind but general director for Natural Resources Canada Gilles Jean said it won't be the last.

"I think it's quite clear that we're not on a sustainable path the way we produce and use energy, so solar energy is going to be a huge contribution," he said.

News in brief

STAMPEDE A preacher says the Calgary Stampede is refusing to allow his church to join the Stampede Parade. Arthur Pawloski runs Street Church Ministries and says his right to free speech is being violated. He says it's important that the poor, whom his church represents, have a part in the parade, which kicks off the world famous rodeo every July. Members of the church say they've already spent $20,000 on props, costumes, and horse-drawn carriages for this year's entry. The Stampede committee says it won't allow Street Church to participate in this year's parade because it violated rules from last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada suspends North Korea diplomacy

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Canada

Police suspect car used as weapon

Police say Denis Philippon may have deliberately used his car as an instrument of death, in separate accidents that killed four people Monday — including himself and his own four-year-old son, both shown here in snapshot from his Facebook page. The crashes occurred 10 minutes apart near Plessisville, southeast of Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-PM defends politicos

PAINTING Jean Chrétien says he thinks politicians get a bum rap from ungrateful and cynical voters.

He used yesterday's unveiling of his official prime ministerial portrait to defend the honour and achievements of Canada's political class.

"They work hard, these guys," the self-described "little guy from Shawinigan" said. "And you know, they are an honest crowd and everybody pictures them as a bunch of crooks. It's very unfair." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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COURT At an Edmonton sentencing hearing, a court heard how a bus driver was so badly beaten his eye was driven back into his skull, causing near blindness. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Muzzling move gets ugly

Opposition MPs threaten Harper press flack with subpoena

Opposition MPs are threatening to subpoena Dimitri Soudas, Stephen Harper's chief spokesman, to appear before a Commons' committee in the latest political showdown over parliamentary powers.

The government sparked angry opposition denunciations after declaring yesterday that the political staff of cabinet ministers — including Harper's own staff — would no longer be allowed to testify before parliamentary committees. The declaration was made just before Soudas was due to appear before the Commons' ethics committee, which was probing political interference in access-to-information requests. Government House Leader Jay Hill told the Commons that committees don't give political staff a fair shake.

As a result, Hill said, cabinet ministers would now appear in their place.

"The tyranny of the opposition majority has turned its attention to the men and women who make up our political staff," Hill said.

"When they accepted their jobs, they never imagined that one of the skills required was to stand up to the interrogation of a bitterly partisan parliamentary committee," Hill said. "Ministers will instruct their staff members not to appear when called before committees and the government will send ministers instead to account for their actions."

But opposition MPs branded the move as a new attempt to undermine democracy by a Conservative government that has already tested MPs' patience by twice proroguing Parliament and withholding papers related to Afghan detainees. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Layton said...

- The standoff over the Afghan documents was recently resolved, but NDP Leader Jack Layton said Conservatives had set Parliament on course to another showdown. "Political interference has gone on for far too long, and when it comes to limiting access to information, it simply should not be allowed to happen," Layton said. "What will the prime minister do next to prevent us getting to the truth, prorogue Parliament again?"

Former Ontario AG cleared of charges in death

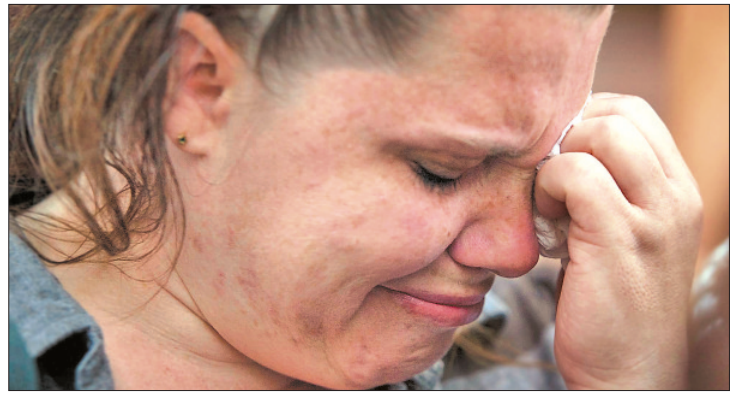
COURTS A former attorney general once considered to be a top contender for Ontario premier received a political reprieve yesterday after criminal charges stemming from his fatal encounter with a bike courier were withdrawn.

Michael Bryant

While he remained tight-lipped about his future, Michael Bryant has been spared the ordeal of a lengthy trial on charges of criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving. An independent prosecutor determined there was little chance of conviction.

"To be honest, I haven't really thought about much other than getting through this experience one day at a time," Bryant said at a news conference.

The charges were laid last September following the death of Darcy Allan Sheppard, 33, after a late-night altercation with Bryant in Toronto's tony Yorkville district. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Misty Lee Bailey, longtime girlfriend of cyclist Darcy Allan Sheppard, cries while leaving court in Toronto yesterday. All charges against former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant have been dropped in connection with the death of Sheppard.

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An Alaska-based soldier is under investigation for a video on his Facebook page that taunts smiling Iraqi children by asking if they're gay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Jamaican war zone

Soldiers battle gangsters on streets of capital

Thousands of police and soldiers yesterday stormed the Jamaican ghettos where reggae was born in search of a reputed drug kingpin wanted by the United States, intensifying a third day of street battles that have killed at least 30 people.

The masked gunmen fighting for underworld boss Christopher (Dudus) Coke say he provides services and protection — all funded by a criminal empire that seemed untouchable until the U.S. demanded his extradition.

Coke has built a loyal following in Tivoli Gardens, the poor West Kingston slum that is his stronghold. U.S. authorities say he has been trafficking cocaine to the streets of New York City since the mid-1990s, allegedly hiring island women to hide the drugs on themselves on flights to the United States.

Yesterday, masked gunmen in West Kingston vanished down side streets barricaded with barbed wire and junked cars.

Christopher Coke

The sound of gunfire echoed across the slums on Jamaica's south coast, far from the tourist meccas of the north shore.

Schools and businesses were closed across the capital and the government appealed for blood donations for the wounded.

At the epicentre of the violence are the West Kingston slums, known as garrisons, which include the Trenchtown ghetto where reggae superstar Bob Marley was raised.

Members of Coke's Shower Posse and affiliated gangs began barricading his stronghold last week following an announcement by Prime Minister Bruce Golding that he would approve Coke's extradition on drug- and gun-running.

Golding, who represents Tivoli Gardens, had stonewalled the U.S. request for nine months.

Police said the fighting in West Kingston alone has killed 26 civilians and one security official.

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Anti-Obama or 'Operation Uncle Ruckus'? Some doubt Tea Partying House candidate is for real.

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Nurse accused of encouraging Canadian suicide ordered offline

MINNESOTA A former nurse accused of going online and encouraging depressed people to kill themselves was ordered yesterday to stay off the Internet while his criminal case is pending. A judge also forbade William Melchert-Dinkel from leaving the state except for work assignments as a long-haul trucker, the career he took up after being stripped of his nursing licence. The 47-year-old has been charged with encouraging Carleton University student Nadia Kajouji and a man from Britain to take their own lives. Kajouji, 18, of Brampton, Ont., drowned herself in Ottawa's Rideau River two years ago. The other victim, Mark Drybrough, 32, hanged himself at his home in England in 2005.

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Lebanon **Marking anniversary**

BILAL HUSSEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A man carries a child wrapped in a Hezbollah flag during a rally south of Beirut yesterday, to mark 10 years since Israeli troops withdrew from a border strip in south Lebanon, ending a 22-year military presence.

News in brief

CHINA A torrent of floods caused by heavy storms have killed 115 people in southern China, with 21 people still missing as weather reports show rains beginning to subside.

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Crusade against tele-barbarians

TheWestView

A man's phone is his castle. So why are barbarians still storming my home phone, usually at the dinner hour, even though I signed up for that do-not-call list the government promised would end my pain?

Turns out I'm not the only one still persecuted by lame and annoying calls from people who want to hijack the next 15 minutes of my life, which I will never see again.

This is a big problem. Eight million telephone numbers have been registered with the federal do-not-call list since it was launched in 2008. But the CRTC, which is supposed to be some kind of watchdog, received 15,000 complaints from unhappy homeowners in February alone, yet has a pitiful 89 cases under review.

Only 12 tele-barbarians have been fined, and only two have coughed up any money.

If I had a watchdog like that, I'd send him to the doghouse without a bone. The CRTC is more like a watchkitty, or maybe a watchgerbil.

It's bad enough there is a long list of exceptions to the do-not-call list. I never want to participate in another survey, provide customer feedback, tell politicians how I mean to vote — or even if I need a ride to the polls (Notice to all politicians: No. Thank you.).

But I'm also still getting calls from electronic pests who congratulate me for winning an all-expenses-paid, no-strings-attached cruise to nowhere right in the middle of dinner. They identify themselves as "Blocked" on call display. Even though I'm almost sure "Blocked" does not deserve an answer, there's a one-in-eight-million chance it could be a representative from Lotto Max with some very good news.

So I answer the phone. Idiot.

The CRTC has rolled over onto its belly and gone to sleep on this one. Of the thousands of complaints, it has investigated exactly 700, claiming one case could represent 1,000 calls. Most of the time, it sends these people a letter, when the most effective punishment is obvious:

Phone 'em! Phone 'em in the shower! Phone 'em when they're trying to get Junior to lie down and go to sleep! Phone 'em when they finally sit down to watch TV! Phone 'em during those rare moments of stolen connubial bliss!

In others words, do unto them what they do unto us. An ear for an ear! I guarantee it, after a week of that, the telemarketers will fall silent.

And if that doesn't work, go to Plan B. That's when we get the home phone numbers of the CRTC commissioners ...

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Word on the street: Which television series would you like to see extended: Lost, 24 or Law & Order?

Laura Fleming
Calgary

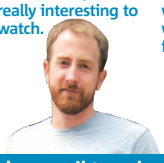
A: Nip/Tuck because it's a great show that pushes the envelope, and it's risky and real and so few shows ever did that.

Arlen Aguayo Stewart
Calgary

A: Arrested Development because I love the series and the all-star cast gave the show so many more avenues to follow.

Dave Patten
Edmonton

A: I would like to see Law & Order extended because the other two shows are terrible ... I like all the franchises because they are all really interesting to watch.



Caroline Hickton
Vancouver

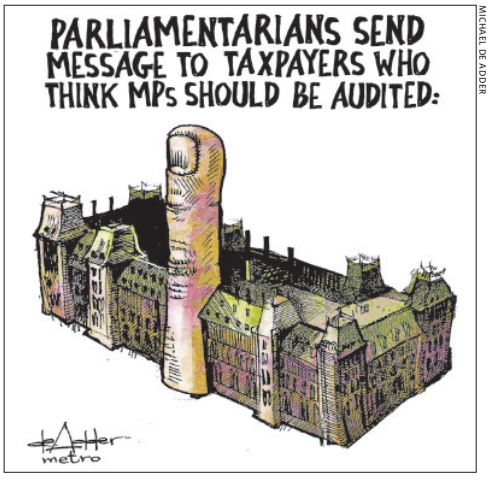
A: I would want Law & Order to continue because an extra season would make it the longest-running show ever I believe ... They always seem to find ways of making it fresh.

Eric Henry
Toronto

A: None. I don't watch any of those. I stopped watching Law & Order three years ago. I've never watched Lost or 24.

Blair Malcolm
Ottawa

A: Lost. It was a thriller and one of those shows that keeps my interest.



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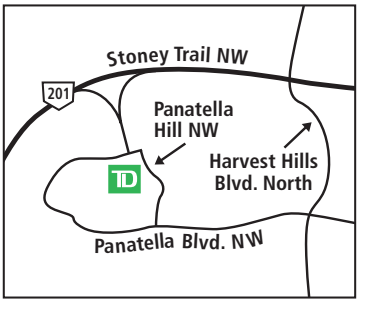

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Business in brief

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CURRENCY The Canadian dollar plunged to its lowest level in eight months before recovering yesterday to close at 93.46 cents US, sending a clear signal that Europe's debt crisis has the potential to reach across the Atlantic and impact Canada's mending economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Home costs up, except in Alberta

Owning a home in Canada has become even more expensive — unless you live in Alberta, according to the latest housing report by RBC Economics Research.

The report, released yesterday, says homeownership costs in Canada rose for the third straight quarter across all housing segments in the first quarter of 2010.

A strong real estate market and jacked up housing prices are getting the blame for putting a strain on Canadians' bank accounts.

"Although home ownership became more costly in the first quarter of 2010, affordability measures are still moderately above the long-term average and below peak levels," said RBC senior economist Robert Hogue. "We expect affordability to deteriorate throughout 2010 and 2011, but this should be limited as more balanced supply and demand conditions will take much of the steam out of the housing market."

The RBC Housing Affordability report projects that the cost of owning a home will continue to rise.

With the exception of Alberta, home affordability measures deteriorated across all provinces with a significant decline in affordability in B.C., Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Housing affordability declined more moderately in Quebec, Ontario and Atlantic Canada.

Only Alberta showed a drop in the costs of owning a home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Metro Drive

Sex and the Benz

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Chevy Cruze makes its mark

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Canadians love compacts. They're always at the top of our car sales charts, inevitably with Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic and Mazda3 jockeying for the top spot. Chevrolet plans to shake up that status quo this summer with the all-new Cruze sedan, its replacement for the outgoing Cobalt.

It's not available for full testing just yet, but GM invited me to its proving grounds in Michigan to drive a few laps.

It's nowhere near enough for a complete assessment, especially since pricing remains a mystery, but the initial impression is positive: in ride, handling and noise levels, it feels like a mini-Malibu.

Already on sale in Europe, China and Mexico, it will eventually expand to some 60 countries. Ours will come from Ohio. It will be a sedan only, with two hatchbacks slotting under it: the subcompact Aveo, currently built in Korea, will be redesigned and produced in the U.S., while Korea will then send over the new Spark minicar.

Cruze will come with a choice of engines. The base LS trim uses a 1.8-litre four-cylinder, making an estimated 136 horsepower.

I didn't get to drive it, but some overseas critics say it's underpowered, especially given the car's weight. The volume seller will be a new turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder, which will appear in the mid-range LT and top-line LTZ, as well as a fuel- and money-saving "Eco" model. It produces 138 horsepower, but far more importantly, it makes 148 lb-ft of torque, and at just 1,850 rpm. That's the twist power that gets everything moving. Both engines come with a six-speed transmission, in manual or automatic.

Don't think go-fast: the 1.4-litre, which runs on regular-grade fuel, is turbocharged for fuel efficiency. It doesn't feel quick, but it builds speed smoothly and with no turbo lag. In Canada, it's estimated at 5.0 L/100 km (56 mpg) on the highway.

For an entry-level model, Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath, using a patented rear suspension that includes a Watts link — two horizontal bars with a central pivot to help keep the back end straight. On a tight curve of the proving ground's intentionally bad road, Cruze held solid at 100 km/h.

Cruze is also remarkably quiet and could well become the benchmark for big-car characteristics in a small vehicle.

2011 Chevrolet Cruze

Type: Compact sedan
Price: Not Available
Engine: 1.4L turbocharged four-cylinder/1.8L four-cylinder
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Highlights

- Sophisticated handling
- Quiet like a big car
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The president of the California Association of Museums has announced an effort to establish a California special licence plate featuring Snoopy. Each plate will feature a reproduction of an original Snoopy drawing by Charles Schulz. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hankook ups the ante on tire tech

If it takes less energy to turn the wheels, the car will use less fuel — the idea behind Hankook Tire's low rolling resistance technology.

Driving Force

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

While it may seem to be all about the engine, fuel economy includes many diverse factors, right down to the tires. If it takes less energy to turn the wheels, the car will use less fuel — the idea behind Hankook Tire's low rolling resistance technology.

Because they're relatively soft, tires naturally deform and then recover as the weight of the car presses them against the road as they turn.

The deformation creates heat and resistance; the more you have of that, the more fuel it takes to turn them.

"There are a lot of different technologies used to create a tire that is low rolling resistance," says Bill Hume, vice-president of Hankook Tire Canada.

"The tread rubber accounts for 60 to 70 per cent of the overall resistance. The other area of concern is the rest of the tire, the casing, which includes the cord body, sidewall rubber and bead rubber. We use a special technology that increases the tension of the casing to make it tighter, which minimizes deformation.

"The tread rubber also needs to be harder. You have to stiffen the tread rubber because you want it to be less resistant, but at the same time you're making it harder, you could be detracting from other qualities, such as winter or wet traction. That's where you need to have very technologically advanced rubber compounding, so you don't give up one quality aspect to gain the low rolling resistance. One of the materials we use in the tread is very minute amounts of silica, which binds the rubber and makes it more fuel-efficient and less susceptible to deformation."

While Hankook markets a specific low rolling resistance tire, which uses a special tread pattern, the company incorporates the technology of low rolling resistance into all of its products. Since the tires run cooler, and heat is a natural enemy of rubber, such technologies also help to prolong tire life.

Hume estimates that the technology can reduce rolling resistance by up to 20 per cent, and while fuel costs are usually a customer's first concern, such a tire can also reduce the vehicle's CO2 emissions by as much as 820 kilograms over the tire's life.

"Even though there are tires from many manufacturers that address rolling resistance and fuel efficiency, the average consumer can always make their tires as efficient as they can be with proper air pressure," Hume says.

"To get the best efficiency and the least amount of carbon footprint, at least once a month, put a gauge to your tires and make sure they're properly inflated."

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Hey look, I drove a Rolls-Royce

AutoPilot
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Of course, all Rolls-Royce models come with a condominium-worthy price tag. From left, the Rolls Royce Phantom Coupe ($408,000 and up), Phantom ($380,000 and up), Ghost ($275,000 and up) and the Phantom Drophead Coupe ($443,000 and up)

What's going on at Rolls-Royce? Two new cars in less than a year? Bless my ascot, what ever happened to tradition, permanence, and staying blissfully apart from the crowd that must stampede to every new flavour of the month?

The big Phantom sedan, in production since 2003, welcomed a Droptop (or convertible) model in 2008. A new model every five years sounds about right. But over the past year, Rolls ushered in both a new Phantom Coupe and the all-new "smaller" sedan christened Ghost.

I haven't driven either of new cars yet, but last summer took a twirl in a beautiful, cream-coloured Phantom sedan. I offer the following observations of that drive, because, well, I wish it be known that I drove a Rolls-Royce and you didn't. (I didn't used to be like this.)

The first thing you notice is the steering wheel. The Phantom sedan is over six metres long, but the steering wheel is smallish and very thin.

"In a Rolls, you drive with your fingers, and with your elbows in," said Wayne Kung.

He sat next to me during my drive because that's his job — explaining Rolls-Royce to journalists and preventing them from taking test cars to Mexico.

At one point I ask Kung which road I should take, and he responds with, "You're in a Rolls-Royce ... Feel free to be very individualistic about your choice of roads."

But while this Rolls is a hoot to drive, the experience in the backseat is what sets this brand apart. So I take a turn back there, which essentially feels, looks and smells like a leather living room.

"Every material in here is what it looks like," remarked Kung, meaning no "faux" anything. Hey Wayne, this headliner looks like cashmere. Is this really cashmere Wayne? "Yes."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Auditions for sportscasters
Sports channel The Score will be in town on Saturday and Sunday to hold auditions at Market Mall for Drafted, its reality show about finding Canada's next sportscaster. The ten finalists that emerge from this year's auditions will be featured on the show, which will air in September. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Bolts name Yzerman GM

Hall of Famer Steve Yzerman, left, is the Tampa Bay Lightning's new general manager, taking on the task of rebuilding a franchise that's fallen on hard times since winning its only Stanley Cup championship six years ago. The former Detroit Red Wings captain and executive was introduced yesterday as Brian Lawton's replacement during a news conference at St. Pete Times Forum. Lawton and coach Rick Tocchet were fired April 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Suns pull even with Lakers

(Series tied 2-2)

Lakers 106 **Suns** 115

LAKERS VS SUNS

The Phoenix bench finally delivered as advertised, and it could hardly have come at a better time.

Channing Frye broke out of a horrendous shooting slump by making four three-pointers for 14 points, and the Suns pulled away in the fourth quarter for the second game in a row to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 115-106 last night and tie the Western Conference finals at two games apiece.

A series that looked like a Lakers' breeze a week ago is all even heading to Game 5 tomorrow night in Los Angeles.

The Suns reserves, considered an advantage entering the series but largely ineffective through three games, outscored their Laker counterparts 54-20. Leandro Barbosa scored 14 on 6-of-8 shooting and Jared Dudley added 11 points. Goran Dragic ran the show at point and had eight points and eight assists in 18 minutes.

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Phoenix Suns guard Steve Nash drives with the ball against Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom last night in Phoenix. The Suns won 115-106 to even the series at 2-2.

Sports in brief

TENNIS Justine Henin took a big step yesterday in her return from retirement, beating Tsvetana Pironkova 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the French Open. The match was Henin's first on centre court at Roland Garros since 2007, when she won the tournament for the fourth time.

NFL Break out the parkas! The 2014 Super Bowl will be held in New Jersey and it won't be indoors. NFL owners have voted to put the championship game in the new $1.6-billion US Meadowlands stadium that's about to become home to the New York Jets and Giants. It does not have a roof and it will be February.

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Roughrider licence plates a hit

Saskatchewan's public insurance company has scored a touchdown with its popular licence plates honouring the province's CFL football team. Just six days after Saskatchewan Government Insurance began offering them, more than 3,500 football fans have ordered Roughrider licence plates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Man pleads guilty to vomiting on girl and her father during Phillies game

COURT A 21-year-old New Jersey man pleaded guilty yesterday to vomiting on another spectator and his 11-year-old daughter in the stands during a Philadelphia Phillies game.

Matthew Clemmens of Cherry Hill, N.J., pleaded guilty to one count each of simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment for his conduct during an April 14 Phillies-Nationals game at Citizens Bank Park.

Clemmens stuck his fingers down his throat and vomited on Michael Vangelo, an off-duty Easton police captain, and one of Vangelo's daughters after Clemmens' companion was ejected from the park, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Doyle said.

Clemmens and his friend were spilling beer, cursing and heckling Vangelo and his daughters from the time they arrived at their seats, according to a statement of facts read in court.

Matthew Clemmens

After the friend was ejected, Clemmens was sitting alone behind the Vangelos when he answered his cellphone and said, "I need to do what I need to do. I'm going to get sick," the prosecutor said.

Clemmens then put his fingers down his throat and threw up on the father, with some vomit splashing onto Vangelo's younger daughter, Doyle said. He then punched the father several times in the head before other fans in the stands subdued him, the prosecutor said. He screamed expletives at the crowd as he was led out of the park, Doyle said.

Clemmens' mug shot showed him with a swollen black eye, and authorities acknowledged he was hit as he was being subdued. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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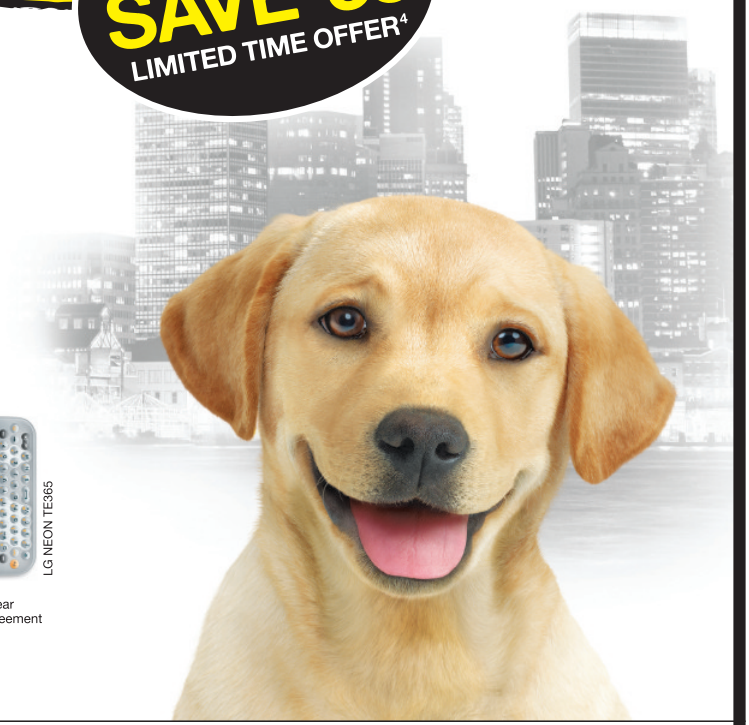

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Habs hope to keep roster intact

Change was the single biggest theme going into this season for the Montreal Canadiens, but after a surprising playoff run, the focus is now on stability.

Fresh off an unexpected run to the Eastern Conference final, Canadiens general manager Pierre Gauthier said yesterday he hopes to keep as much of his roster intact as possible.

"We like our team, we like the way they came together as a group," Gauthier said. "Last summer we changed half the team and you can't do that every year. We have a very good nucleus of players. We want to continue what we started to build this season."

Jaroslav Halak

That may be easier said than done.

Gauthier faces the challenge of negotiating a new contract for regular-season scoring leader Tomas Plakenec before he hits unrestricted free agency July 1.

Then there's the never-ending Montreal goalie debate he needs to settle, with both Jaroslav Halak and Carey Price set to become restricted free agents.

Gauthier was not definitive on his plan regarding his goalies, but one thing he made clear was he would not lose either of them to an offer sheet.

"Those two young goaltenders are strong assets that we would protect," he said.

Both Halak, 24, and Price, 22, expressed a certain degree of unease with the idea of repeating a similar situation next year where both are battling for the same net.

Head coach Jacques Martin started Halak in 32 of the Canadiens final 34 games, including the playoffs.

"Both of us want to play," Halak said. "Unfortunately, (Price) didn't play as much as I did, but only one goalie can play and I played more.

"I'm happy with how the season turned out for me, so we'll see what the future brings." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Carleton wants students' help to represent aboriginal connections
Carleton University in Ottawa is running a contest asking members of the student community to create a graphic design that will be used to symbolize the institution's aboriginal connections and its desire to embrace diverse populations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

More resources for health: ACCC

In its submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges states that colleges are uniquely positioned to provide the advanced skills needed by the health sector. The association notes that additional support is needed to address long wait lists for health programs, aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance among other things. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A career that's into the wild

Paws, Claws and Jobs

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A career working with wild animals can take you straight into Canada's city centres or deep into its forests.

Pam Pritchard works at the Calgary Zoo. For the last 30 years, she's tended to the needs of giraffes, hippopotamuses and elephants. She now handles the zookeeper apprenticeship program.

"There's nothing more special than being able to go and see an animal you've worked with for years," she says.

Landing a zookeeper job is hard in Canada, compared to the United States, as there are only a few large zoos in the country.

"The trickiest spot is to get your foot in the door," Pritchard says. Many start by volunteering with animals — at zoos, if they can get a spot, or at any animal sanctuary. From there, many work toward a degree in animal sciences, zoology or biology while working as on-call labourers for a zoo. That means feeding animals and cleaning enclosures.

"They're all right in there getting dirty and wet," she says.

If all goes well, they earn a spot on the four-year paid apprenticeship program. It combines animal theory with hands-on work on nutrition, training, behaviour and other areas. If that goes well, they're in good position to land a zookeeper's job, Pritchard says.

Rod Cumberland spent much of his childhood in the forests of New Brunswick learning about deer with his hunter father. When he started working in shops and factories as an adult, he noted how miserable his coworkers were.

"I made up my mind that I would do something I loved to do and I pursued a career in wildlife management," he says. "I was really blessed to get the job I did."

He's New Brunswick's official deer biologist. Positions like his usually require a bachelors or masters degree in wildlife or forestry courses from institutions such as Nova Scotia's Acadia University, the University of Prince Edward Island, the University of New Brunswick, the Maritime College of Forest Technology, Sir Sanford Fleming College in Ontario or Alberta's University of Lethbridge.

Cumberland's passion is working in the field. Flying low and slow in a helicopter over dense woods, he counts moose and deer, or tromps on foot to see what predators, be it black bears, coyotes or bobcats, are killing tagged deer, to gauge how healthy the population is.

That biological data determines the number of hunting permits issued to keep the herd healthy.

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Travel

Find your way around Thailand

The Lonely Planet books are very useful for all budgets, covering backpackers to those who like to splash their cash. This book covers all the Thai islands and coastal areas, as well as an extensive section on Bangkok. It includes details of transportation between all the different areas which is really handy if you are making your own way around Thailand, and there are tips on scams to avoid. It also includes the usual information of accommodation, eating options, things to do. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Tours along the river are available at a cheap rate nearly everywhere.

Namur's demure style

Find the best of Belgium in this little town

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Belgium certainly has its merits. But there's an overwhelming lovely, friendly feel to Namur which has to be experienced.

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and play in Namur.

DAILY BUDGET
$50
EAT

Saint Auban food market

A fabulous market offering local produce from the famous local pate, crunchy fresh breads and delicious baked goods. Enjoy the experience then grab yourself a picnic.

STAY

Formule 1

Absolutely no frills — but the lack of luxury is reflected in the price. Location is good and if you're lucky you'll even get a view of the Meuse. Basically somewhere to sleep.

(hotelformule1.com)

GO

The Citadel

METRO WORLD NEWS

The St. Aubin's Cathedral is a must-visit when in Namur.

The Citadel of Namur has been a European military stronghold since the Middle Ages and was only recently de-commissioned. There are a series of walks offering fabulous views.

(citadelle.namur.be)

DAILY BUDGET
$100
EAT

La Petite Fugue

This is a stylish restaurant with an almost opulent feel. Menus from $18 (lunch) to $50 (dinner) and a la carte (and fois gras to die for). (lapetitefugue.be)

STAY

Hotel Beauregard

On the banks of the River Meuse the Hotel Beauregard mixes tranquil surroundings with easy access to the city centre.

(benotel.com)

GO

Felicien Rops Museum

An homage to a much underrated 19th-century Namur artist whose work covers sprawling landscapes to touching portraits. Though, most people go to see his surreal nudie paintings.

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The wrong Wheaton
When Today show news anchor Ann Curry delivered the commencement speech at Wheaton College in Massachusetts Saturday, she named a list of distinguished alumni. The problem is all the people she mention attended the Wheaton College in Illinois. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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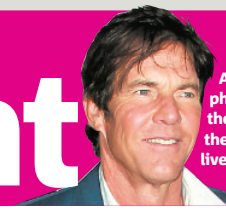

Quaid sues
Actor Dennis Quaid has sued the pharmaceutical company that makes the blood thinner heparin following the overdoses that threatened the lives of his newborn twins three years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gyllenhaal bulks up for Prince

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In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays Dastan, a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger. If the dagger falls into the wrong hands, it could destroy the world.

To prepare for the shoot Gyllenhaal — who now sports a large chest and biceps after bulking up for the role — spent a lot of time researching and studying the video game that the movie is based on. We talked with him in London.

Q This Prince of Persia is such a huge production. Weren't you an indie guy, once upon a time, before becoming Prince Dastan?

A I guess so. But I think I've done a lot of different kind of films, but this is definitely the biggest one.

Q How did it make you feel when you arrived at the set and saw all those massive sets?

A When we were driving to the set, each road where we were driving, there would be 500 cars ... particularly in Morocco ... There were thousands of cars, (it) looked like we were going to a sporting event! Then it took me 40 minutes to suit up in my costume, like I was going to some game. Soon as we walked on the set, it was insane. The big thing was all those details. We could shoot in every corner, we could do stunts with two units (two action sets at the same time), with one 100 feet up in the air.

Prince of Persia opens Friday

Q Are you hooked on those big productions now?

A I really liked it. I've just done two movies smaller in size and that was a wonderful thing to do for me after this one, because I did need to feed other aspects of my skill set. It's a kind of drug, when you're jumping over things, fighting people, looking like a bad ass ... it's hard not to want to do it again.

In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger.

Q How much did you work out for the movie, to improve your body? But did you also play the original video game?

A Yes, and it was a very difficult research process. I had to exercise and play video games (laughs). I'm not a card carrying gamer, but I definitely love playing video games. As a kid I played the first version of the game ... then I took a 20-year hiatus. When I got the script I was fascinated because the primary resource for this is the video game. I played like I would meet a marine if I was going to be a marine or go to prison if I was going to play someone in jail.

Q Were you expecting so much buzz on your buffing up?

A Well ... it wasn't made on vanity. It was on a functionality, to try to make all those stunts. There's been some curious approaches like: "Oh, you did those stunts, cool. But how do you look like that!?" Someone asked me: "How did that make you feel?" I was like: "I pretty much felt the same inside, you know!" (laughs) My strength, inside, the most important, comes from a lot of other different pain.

Critics claim Hollywood whitewash

MOVIES The hopes of many are resting on the shoulders of 12-year-old Aang.

Ever since he first came out of a block of ice in the Nickelodeon cartoon series Avatar: The Last Airbender, the other tribes in his fictional, Asian-inspired world saw Aang and his power over the elements as their last chance for peace after a century of conflict.

Now Paramount Pictures and director M. Night Shyamalan bring the story to the big screen with The Last Airbender, opening July 2. Yet some fans say whatever hopes they had for the live-action movie have been dashed by what is known as "whitewashing" — the selection of white actors to fill the main hero roles instead of the people of colour.

"To take this incredibly loved children's series, and really distort not only the ethnicity of the individual characters but the message of acceptance and cultural diversity ... is a huge blow," said Michael Le of Racebending.com, a fan site calling for a boycott.

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critics' corner

American Idol
In the season finale, the top 12 finalists reunite for the last time before host Ryan Seacrest reveals the winner, then collapses, drenching the T-shirt of departing judge Simon Cowell with his tears. OK, we made up that last part, but how huge would the ratings be for that? Probably way higher than the crowning of one of the least impressive Idols in the show's history, whoever that may be, we're guessing. 9 PM on CFCN, KAYU

The Rendering
Smarter than the average woman-in-jeopardy fare, this 2002 thriller casts Shannen Doherty as an artist and one-time crime victim who finds solace in helping others as a police sketch artist. Life is good until one day when she's drawing a suspect according to the victim's description and finds a very familiar face staring back at her. Who? Let's just say it's someone she knows. 11 PM on W

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The Send Off, the latest album by P.E.I.-born Rose Cousins, was largely inspired by the last three years, including the traumatic death of her grandmother.

East Coast charm

Cousins sophomore record shows maturity

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada

Loss and departure are all over Rose Cousins' new record, suitably titled The Send Off, but it's not a melancholy record despite it all.

Recorded three years after her debut record and a product of years of gigging, it's the sort of mature sound that some musicians would despair of achieving.

P.E.I.-born and Halifax resident, Cousins comes out of the furiously productive East Coast music scene, a place where a collegial, supportive atmosphere seems to have trumped the competitive balkanization that reigns elsewhere.

"Not everybody who lives out here is necessarily from here," says Cousins, "but a lot of us are and we mostly grew up in smaller communities, and I think that lends itself to there being more room for everybody and not so much a competition as much as how we can all help each other."

Cousins looked for — and found — the same sort of support when she searched for a producer for The Send Off, settling on Luke Doucet, another Maritimer whose work as a producer has attracted as much attention as his own music. The result is an evocative, airy record full of iridescent textures.

"Luke told me not to be too overprepared so that we'd be open to the process," Cousins recalls. "Each day when we approached the studio I would play a little demo for the musicians and the song would be built that day, in a no-holds-barred wide open kind of deal, and Luke was amazing at driving that process and saying 'let's try this' whether we ended up using it or not. He's brilliant in that sense."

The record's themes were the product of Cousins' life in the three years since her debut album, If You Were For Me. A period that saw the death of her beloved grandmother — a blow that ended up inspiring The Send Off's title track.

"I guess the inevitability of having to let go of things as we get older, the age that I'm at and losing my grandmother and realizing that there's nothing you can do, and you can keep someone in your memory — it applies to so many things."

The years spent on the road also gave Cousins an appreciation for the work a musician needs to do these days, where the record industry's ongoing creative destruction has made so many artists into entrepreneurs as well as performers. That led to a recent trip to Los Angeles, where she looked into the placement of her songs into TV and movie soundtracks — potentially massive exposure that many independent acts have come to rely on.

"When I'm on the road, it's about me, it's about the performance, the way the song is delivered and bantering in between and talking to fans afterward and that kind of thing. But when you're trying to get your music placed in TV and film it's a different relationship, it's like you have to present the song as the product. I don't have to worry about the entertainment part as much as selling the song."

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Celebrity Buzz

Death obsessed

BRITNEY BACK TO THE FUTURE Britney Spears is reportedly keen on the idea of being cryogenically frozen after she dies so that she can be brought back to life later, according to the Sun.

"Brit gets these obsessions and this is the latest," a source says. "It started when someone told her Walt Disney had been preserved by cryogenics to be revived in the future. Brit found the whole thing so interesting she spent most of her Mother's Day trip to Disneyland researching the subject on the Internet while a nanny took the boys round the park."

Spears is so intent on cheating death that she's reportedly invested in a firm specializing in cryogenics.

"She looked into having her ashes turned into diamonds after she is gone but settled on the chance of getting to live in the future," the source adds.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Rip Torn charge dismissed

ONE CHARGE DROPPED, ANOTHER TO GO A Connecticut judge has dismissed a drunken-driving charge against Rip Torn after the actor completed a court-ordered alcohol education program.

Torn was arrested in December 2008 near his home in Salisbury. He was stopped while driving in the breakdown lane with a Christmas tree tied atop his Subaru. Bantam Superior Court Judge Cara Eschuck dismissed the charge Friday because Torn completed a program that gives drunken-driving defendants a chance to clear their records. But another case is pending against the 79-year-old: charges that he broke into a bank in January while intoxicated and armed. He returned to court yesterday in that case.

Torn won an Emmy for The Larry Sanders Show. Screen credits include the Men in Black movies.

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Today, **DEMI LOVATO** wants to clear some things up, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is a proud older sister, **SARAH SILVERMAN** is going for the hard sell and **BRITNEY SPEARS** can't pick a favourite.

@ddlovato There are so many crazy rumors flying around today. I'd like to clear a few things up. First, Joe and I did split but it wasn't over the phone. Things didn't work out but we'll remain friends. Secondly, I am NOT dating anybody already.

@lindsaylohan congratulations to my brother graduating top of his class! he's so brilliant & im SO proud of him!! yay Mikey! @dinamlohan raised us well!

@SarahKSilverman I swear to god I'm going to murder my dog if more people don't buy my book right now.

@britneyspears I like New York, but I also LOVE London! Thats a tough one because there are so many cities I love.

'Grownup' Cyrus rebuffs criticism

I'M A BIG GIRL NOW! Miley Cyrus is bristling at the criticism she's received for dabbling in racier imagery with her new album and videos.

"No one ever wants to see someone grow up," she complains, according to Wonderwall. "It's like when Hilary Duff started growing up off the Disney Channel. Everyone thought she was anorexic and she did this and that. It's just because she grew up! She didn't look like a 12-year-old anymore."

As grown up as she's feeling, 17-year-old Cyrus isn't ready to head off to college just yet. "I'm not going to go to college right now," she says. "I am a firm believer that you can go back at any age you want, because my grandma went back to college at 62 years old."

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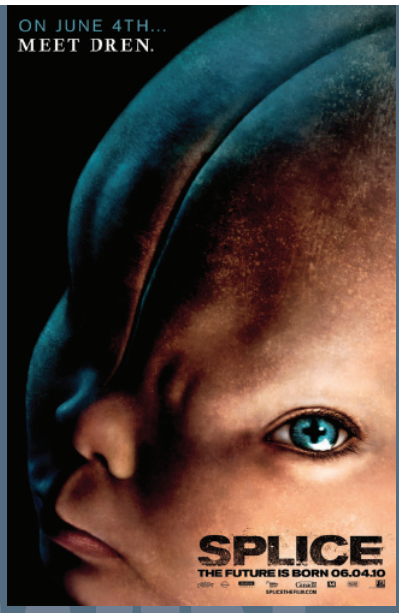

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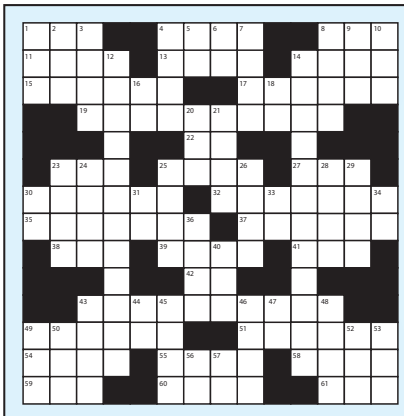

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4 Sighted
8 'The Raven' Author
11 Cut
13 Myths
14 The ___ of the Cave Bear
15 Notifications
17 All ___!
19 Lexicon
22 Health care professional
23 Colour
25 Track
27 Choose
30 Kiwi rival
32 Travel industry
35 Bureau
37 Brawl
38 Volkswagen engine
39 French auto
41 ___ and feather
42 Math dessert?
43 Accounts for, like CMAs
49 Ragged cut
51 Give
54 Bucket
55 Method
58 Father
59 Kong
60 Hooters
61 Zero

DOWN
1 Cunning ___ fox
2 NBC variety show
3 Chicken ___
4 Born Free female
5 "___ Adrian!
6 Hospital unit
7 Pact
8 Have fun
9 Paddle
10 Finale
12 Paid player
14 CMAs lead these
16 Magnum, P.I. Pilot
18 A-Team member
20 Female undergarment
21 Brigade
23 Injure
24 Preowned
25 Sandbar
26 Throw
28 Typographic unit
29 Russian Monarch
30 After BC
31 That ___ it!
33 S. American Country
34 Female address
36 Ready to eat
40 Oxygen
43 Great Lake
44 Disney flick
45 Note
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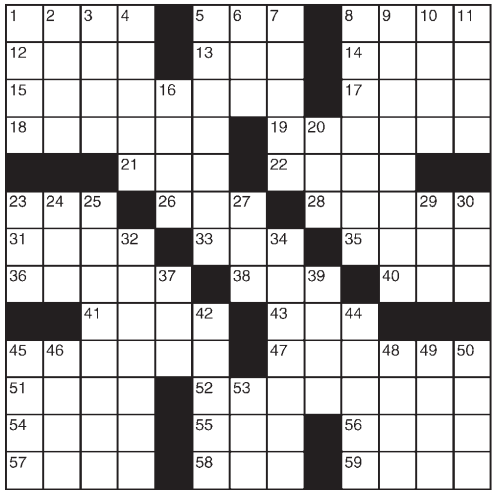

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5 Au — (menu phrase)
8 Christmas song
12 Old Italian money
13 Where "Lost" is found
14 Farm measure
15 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
17 Color quality
18 Bionic human
19 One portion of the laundry
21 Ultramodernist
22 Jeans-maker Strauss
23 From — Z
26 Yoko of music
28 From Cardiff, e.g.
31 Slugger Sammy
33 Pouch
35 Speak unclearly
36 City in Japan
38 Took off
40 Chances, for short
41 Protracted
43 Sleuth, slangily
45 First game of the season
47 Authoritative order
51 Ms. Moore
52 "Not necessarily"
54 Sportscaster Andrews
55 Kids' card game
56 Whistle sound
57 Urban pall
58 Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett
59 Hamburg's river

DOWN

1 Group of allied countries
2 Ethereal
3 Colorless
4 Shirley of "Goldfinger"
5 Shop-talk vocabularies
6 Where (Lat.)
7 Villainous look
8 Indigenes
9 Southwestern candlewood
10 Sea eagle
11 Dregs
16 Sandwich treat
20 Chop
23 Inquire
24 Plaything
25 Melody used for Elvis' "It's Now or Never"
27 Rowing need
29 Dine
30 Day fractions (Abbr.)
32 Expiating
34 — seat (advantageous situation)
37 Indivisible
39 Require
42 Gets bigger
44 Skydiver's device
45 Praiseful poetry
46 Hair salon request
48 Carbon compound
49 Uppity one
50 Carry
53 Dinner for Dobbin

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Turnip Casserole

INGREDIENTS:
4 turnips, peeled and cubed
1 cup water
1 egg, beaten
1/3 cup sugar
3 tbsp butter
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

METHOD:
1. Place turnips in large pot and cover with water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 15 minutes or until tender and drain.

2. Transfer turnips to bowl and mash. Add egg, sugar, butter and salt; mix well. Transfer to greased 1-L baking dish; sprinkle with cinnamon.

3. Cover and bake at 350°F (180°C) 20-25 minutes or until thermometer reads 160°F/71°C and turnip mixture is heated through.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Ignore those who say you should be on the move. By all means sit quietly and give your brain and body a rest.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You no longer seem to think of money and property and possessions in quite the same way you did before. They are useful, certainly, but useful for what?

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Do what you do best. Reach for your highest potential. Rarely have you been the focus of so much positive power, but it is up to you to make use of it.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The coming week will have its ups and downs but overall you will make significant progress.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
The Sun in Gemini over the next few weeks will coincide with a phase when you enjoy total self-belief. It doesn't matter if the world is against you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is one of the most important times of the year for you. If you want recognition you are about to get it. Just make sure you get it for the right reasons.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your horizons are expanding in all directions. Ideas that never interested you before will suddenly be of the utmost importance.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You will be asking yourself some rather deep questions today and the answers you get won't always be easy to handle.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
The world is not out to get you and if you think it is you need to change. Try to think of life as being neutral — neither for you or against you.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
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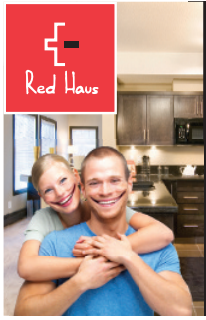

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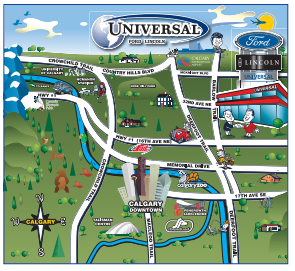

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